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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

THE New York Assembly has passed a bill prohibiting consolidation of telegraph the frontier. companies sale

fourteenth meffectual ballot for United States the night of the 31st, caused by a kerosene 78; Oliver, 76; Grow, 50; scattering, 13.

request from the cenate, on the 2d transmit- surance.

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banks, bank checks, patent medicines, per- flames. fumery, etc. The Committee refused to EIGHT Chinamen engaged in cutting adopt the recommendation of the sub-com- timber fourteen miles from Santa Cruz, Cal., mittee to abolish taxes on bank capital.

A DELEGATION of leading Indiana Republicans have been on a visit to Mentor to present to the President-elect the claims of their State to a seat in the Cabinet. It is majority of the committee for a Cabinet position, but no individual name was presented to Mr. Garfield.

THE President, on the 2d, transmitted to Congress the report of the Ponca Commission, accompanied by a message recommending-1. The education of young Indians; 2. The allotment to the Indians of lands in severalty; 3. Fair compensation for all lands not required for individual allotment; 4. Investing them ultimately with the rights of citizenship.

AFTER a continuous session of fortyone hours of the British House of Commons, murdered Constable Usher and a settler during which the Home Rulers used every parliamentary device to defeat the motion, hanged at New Westminster, B. C., on the FEB. 3.—In the Senate, Mr. Morgan called the Speaker ordered the debate closed and the Government obtained leave to bring in a FRANCIS A. DURIVAGE, author and bill for the protection of life and property in poet, is dead; age, 67. Ireland. The Home Rule members then left the House in a body.

HON, E. B. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, on the 3d presented to the State of Missouri a portrait, painted by Stuart, of Edward Henrystead, Missouri's first Representative in Congress. The presentation ceremonies took place at Jefferson City, and were participated in by both Houses of the Legislature, the Governor and other State officials.

THE public debt statement issued January of \$7,382,167; cash in the Treas-48); silver certificates, \$46,800,220; certifi-cates of deposit outstanding, \$8,620,000; refunding certificates, \$867,350; legal tenders outstanding, \$346,681,016; fractional currency, \$15,520,433.12; less amount estimated as lost or destroyed, act of June 21, 1879 (\$8,375,974), \$7,144,499.12.

MICHAEL DAVITT was arrested for not reporting himself to the police in accordance with the conditions of his ticket-of-The detectives, on arresting Davitt, drove to Kingstown, where the prisoner was placed on board the mail steamer for London. Upon his arrival there he was taken before a Millbank Prison and re-invested with the examined, and found to contain large numgarb of a convict. The proceedings before the magistrate were private, but it is officifinish the remainder of his sentence of penal

THE recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, affirming the Constitutionality of the Income tax, declares-1. That direct taxes, within the meaning of Section 9, Article 1, of the Constitution, are of two kinds only, viz., taxes on real property and capitation, or poll taxes. 2. That since the Income tax was neither a tax on real estate nor a poll tax, it was not a direct tax within the meaning of the Constitution. and was not ferbidden by Article 1, Section 9, of that instrument. 3. That it came properly in the category of an excise or duty which the Congress of the United States had full and Constitutional power to impose. Justice Swayne delivered the opinion.

GOVERNOR CHURCHILL has submitted to the Arkansas Legislature a telegram received by him from Jay Gould, in which the writer, after alluding to the fact that himself and friends have invested largely in railroad property in Arkansas, says he re- lumbus, Texas, and riddled with bullets. grets to hear that illiberal legislation is now proposed, the effect of which will be to check further proposed new investments in the State, and urging the Governor "to counsel | da line, through a rich cotton section. such wisdom in legislation as will attract capital, and promote settlements and huprovements, rather than drive it away," The Governor adds his indorsement to the above, by expressing the opinion that "any unfriendly legislation in regard to railroads at the present time would retard the prosperity of the State for years to come."

THERE was an exciting scene in the British House of Commons on the 3d. Mr. Parnell denounced the arrest of Michael Davitt in unspairing terms, and the other Home Rule members cheered him vociferously and cried "Shame!" The Speaker called upon Mr. Gladstone to move his resolution of urgency, when Mr. Dillon rose, but the Speaker refused to recognize him. After a being several times warned, and refusing to yield the floor, Mr. Gladstone moved Dillon's suspension. Amid cheers, and cries of "Shame" from the Irish members, the Speaker put the motion and it was carried. Dillon then refusing to withdraw, he was forcibly removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms. The other Irish members then severally roseadjourned.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature took its ourteenth ineffectual ballot for United States cenator on the 1st, the vote being—Wallace, 8; Oliver, 76; Grow, 50; scattering, 13.

THE Dusiness portion of Plymouth, posed of without opposition by the withdrawal of the contestants from the field, leaving Messrs. Sapp and Carpenter in undisputed possession. The House then took up the District Appropriation bill, in the consideration of which the rest of the day was Senator on the 1st, the vote being-Wallace, explosion. Thirty-three buildings, includand 400 bales of cotton were destroyed. SECRETARY SCHURZ, in response to a Losses foot up \$127,000, with but small in-

MRS. STEBBEN D. LEWIS, of Helena, THE Ways and Means Committee will Ark., was burned to death by the explosion report a bill in favor of abolishing the tax on of a glass kerosene lamp. Her husband was matches, bank deposits, including savings badly burned while trying to extinguish the

were buried alive by a land-slide. A SPECIAL from Fort Davis, Tex., 3d,

their State to a seat in the Cabinet. It is Sierra Diable, killing six and capturing three said that Mr. New was the first choice of a squaws. These are supposed to be the Indians who last fall attacked the Graham party and recently captured a stage and killed the driver, as clothing belonging to both parties was found in their camp. THE boiler in a steam flouring-mill

> at Kimmswick, Mo., exploded on the 3d, killing the two sons of Mr. Smith, owner of the mill, and another boy named Charles Boker. The mill was demolished and surrounding buildings injured.

Two men were killed and several others injured by the bursting of a fly-wheel in the Russian Mills, at Niles, O.

THE three Maclains and Hare, who named James Kelly, in December, 1879, were

Ex-Gov. Scorr, who shot and killed Warren G. Drury, a drug-clerk, at Napoleon, O., last Christmas eve, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree and released

GEORGE SMITH and Catherine Miller were hanged at Williamsport, Pa., on the id, for the murder of the latter's husband. for violation of his ticket-of-leave.

THREE young men, said to be sons of wealthy Monroe County, planters, were Feb. 1 shows a decrease of the debt during lynched near Augusta, Ark., on the night of the 2d, for having committed a most atroury, \$221,674,535; gold certificates, \$6,541,- | clous assault upon a highly respected young lady of that place. HON, FERNANDO WOOD, Representa-

> tive from New York, is at Hot Springs, Ark., for the benefit of his health, which is greatly impaired. He is accompanied by his family. THE ladies of St. Louis have organized a formidable movement to compel the closing of theaters and other places of

amusement on Sundays. MARTIN DONLEY and wife, living on Big Run, near Williamstown, Va., died recently within a few hours of each other, in great agony, with undisputed symptoms of trichinosis. They had eaten of raw pork a police magistrate and then transferred to few days before. A portion of the meat was

bers of the fatal worms.

RUSH BENNETT, a mulatto, was hanged ally announced that Davitt was ordered to at Eldorado, Ark., on the 4th, for the murder of Col. A. C. Jameson, a prominent lawyer and cotton planter of Union County, in March, 1879.

It is reported that an entire family of several persons were found frozen to death in their cabin near Burns, Minnesota, on the line of the Winona & St. Peters Branch of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.

was experienced along the Hudson River, New York, on the morning of the 4th. Mrs. Cook, a very aged lady, was fatally burned at Columbus, O., her clothing

having taken fire from the grate. THE Alamosa coach from Del Norte to Alamosa, Colo., was robbed on the night of the 3d by two men, five miles from Del Norte. Four mail pouches and a treasure pouch were taken. The passengers were not disturbed. The amount in the pouches

A NEGRO horse thief was taken from an officer by a party of masked men at Co-

THE people of Montgomery, Ala., have subscribed nearly all the money required to build the Southern Railroad to the Fiori-

AT St. Louis, on the 5th, Xavier Wilhelm shot and killed his mistress, Agiae Margot, and then committed saicide. The parties were the keepers of a low "dive" on Poplar Street, near the Lovec.

SMALL-POX has broken out in the Cook County (Ill.) Poor-house at Jefferson, twenty-eight cases being reported.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. JAN. 31 .- In the Senate, Mr. Dawes delivered a set speech on the Ponca Indian question, in which he criticised with some severity the coarse pursued by Secretary Schurz in re-he Postal Telegraph a bill to provide for ement of telegraph line for the were "named" by the Speaker and their suspension moved and carried. After the so-called obstructionists had all been ejected, Mr. Gladstone moved the bill for the protection of life and property in Ireland was bright. The motion carried and the House adjourned.

panies are required to accept from the United States the amount of appraised value of their provision of law, and obligated likely to accept the amount of its appraised value when the life was referred to the Postal States. The bill was referred to the Postal Committee. Mr. Frost (B. Mo.) baroduced a bill to reserve the public lands for the people and dis-

tribute them attong the people, the owners of the soil." Referred to Committee on Public Lands. The Agricultural Appropriation bill CAPT. JOSEPH LAWSON, Third Cavalry, died at Cheyenne, on the 30th, of paralysis. He was one of the bravest and best officers in the service, having served with distinction in the late war and since then on the frontier.

The business portion of Plymouth,

FEB. L.-In the Senate, Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on the Electoral Count, resurance.

AT Decatur, III., on the 1st, John A. Hornstein, aged 56. married to a girl only 19 years old, attempted to beat his wife's brains out with an iron kettle and then stabled her several times in the throat, after which he committed by shooting han, John W. Jacobus, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York. The present Marshal, Payne, an adherent of the senior New York Senator, was a candidate for reappointment.

A PASSENGER-CAR on the Fergus Falls Division of the St. Paul, Minnesota & Manitoba Raifroad, on the 2d, near Elk River, was thrown from the track and rolled down an embankment sixty feet high. Many of the passengers were badly injured, one or more it was thought fatally.

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AT Decatur, III., on the 1st, John A. Hornstein, aged 56. married to a girl only 19 years old, attempted to beat his wife's brains out with an iron kettle and then stabled be reserved times in the throat, after which he committed suicide by shooting himself twice through the head. The time of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote and the possible of the Wife, and for some time past they had been separated.

THREE men in jail at Albuquerque, N. M., charged with the murder of Col. Charles Potter, some months ago, were hanged by a mob on the night of the 31st.

They were Executastico Pera, Miguel Barrera and "California Joe."

Mrs. Strengers of Helene. ported Mr. Ingalls' joint resolution with a had intended to call up the Grant retirement bill to-day, but not having had an opportunity, he now asked unantmous consent to make it the special order for Thursday. Messrs. Vest and Eaton objected, the latter remarking he thought the bill could wait a week longer without any injury to it or the public. Mr. Logan said he thought that when the Senate could afford to listen to an hour's talk about a dead Indian it might be disposed to find a little time for a live General. After discussion, Mr. Logan gave notice of his intention to move to take up the bill to-morrow. The Chinese treaties were reported with recommendations for ratification. Piaced on the calendar. The Pension Appropriation bill was

FEB. 2.-The Senate passed the concurrent resolution for counting the Electoral vote, with an amendment providing for two tellers on the part of the Senate instead of one. The on the part of the Senate instead of one. The
Republicans supported an amendment, offered
by Mr. Edmunds, that the count should take
place in the Senate Chamber, but being voted
down the resolution passed without any further party division.
The Post-office Appropriation bill was
reported and the Pension Appropriation bill
taken up and considered at some length.....
In the House, after the reading of the President's message on Indian affairs. Mr. Rengan dent's message on Indian affairs, Mr. Reagan (D., Mo.) made an attempt to secure consideration of his Inter-State Commerce bill, but of the House

Mr. Cox (D., N. Y.) urged the duty of the House to take up the Apportionment bill, and the question of consideration being raised, the latter, by a vote of 150 to 98, was given the preference. Mr. Cox then made a speech of some length in support of his bill. The Post-route bill was reported from the committee and passed.

up the joint resolution heretofore offered by him, declaring the President of the Senate not invested by the Constitution with the power to determine what Electoral votes shall be counted. The Republicans filloustered against the adoption of the resolution, but it was fluidly passed by a party vote, with the exception of Mr. Conkling, who voted in its favor, and Mr. Whyle, who voted azainst it.
....The Apportionment bill brought on a long political debate in the House, which was

FEB. 4.-The Senate Finance Committee reported the Refunding bill with amendments, the principal ones being that the bonds shall MICHAEL DAVITT has been arrested be five-twenties, and the rate of interest on them, as well as on the one-ten certificates, shall be three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. The section of num, payable semi-annually. The section of the bill known as the "Carlisle amendment," which provided for the compulsory use of the new bonds as security for Na-tional bank circulation, is stricken out. Mr. Logan made another ineffectual effort to take up the Grant retirement bill, the negative votes being about the same as those on the preceding day. The House passed negative votes being about the same as those on the preceding day.....The House passed the bill to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas, introduced by Mr. Scales (D., N. C.) at the second session. (This bill as passed fixes the price to settlers at \$3, purchasable in tracts not to exceed 160 acres, payment to be made in three annual installments, one-third at date of entry, one-third at the end of one year and the balance in two years, with interest at 6 per cent. Any of years, with interest at 6 per cent. Any of these lands not entered within one year shall be sold at public sale at a price not less than that fixed in the bill. The Pension bill was considered in committee and laid aside with invorable recommendation.

LATHONEWS ITEMS.

THE opposition of Senator Conkling to the recent nominations for various offices in New York by President Hayes has resulted in postponement of their consideration by the Senate Committee-until after the 4th of March, as is intimated. THE Ways and Means Committee

have voted to postpone present consideration of the Hurd Tariff resolution.

THE Select Committee of the House on the Interoceanic Canal will report favorably the bill to incorporate the Interoceanic Transit Company (the Nicaragua route). A VERY palpable shock of earthquake | The bill provides for a Government guarantee of interest for fifteen years at six per cent. on \$50,000,000 bonds.

THOMAS CARLYLE, the eminent British author, died on the 6th. He was born in Ecclefechan, Dumfrieshire, Scotland, Dec. 4, 1795.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire occurred on Second Street, St. Louis, on the night of the 5th, the principal losses being the extensive wholesale grocery house of the Greeley-Burnham Company, O. H. Peckham & Co.'s caudy manufactory, the Mound City Paint & Oil Company's establishment, and S. B. Sale & Co.'s grocery house. The fire originated in the Greeley-Burnham building, and was caused by the breaking down of a platform on which was stored a large quantity of matches. The losses aggregate half-a-

million dollars, nearly covered by insurance. REV. J. M. PICKENS, a well-known Campbellite preacher, and Greenback candidate for Governor of Alabama at the late election, was shot and killed recently at Mountain Home in that State, by a man to save up enough to live easy and comfortanamed Bob Letson. Mr. Pickens interfered, but without success, to prevent Letson from shooting William Davidson. The latter was badly wounded and will probably not recov-

er. Letson was arrested. THE north-bound express train on the Texas Central Railaoad was badly wrecked nine miles north of Hempstead, on the evening of the 5th. The engine fell through Cedar Creek bridge, throwing the express, two baggage and two passenger coaches down a fifteen-foot embankment, bottom upwards. The sleeper kept the track. The Strakosch & Hess English Opera Troupe were among the passengers. Eightcefr persons were injured, several seriously, but probably not fatally.

MATTHIAS SALMON, a bad character, was lynched at Grantville, Nev., on the 5th. He was under arrest for killing a man.

THE Senate, on the 5th, passed the hill for the erection of a public building at Quincy, Ill., and also the bill to establish an additional land district in Kansas. The House passed the joint resolution for counting the Electoral yote. The Apportionment bill was again taken up and several speeches made thereon

OCCURRENCES OF INTEREST.

The Next Senate. FOLLOWING is a list of members of the Senate of the Forty-seventh Congress. Those names marked with an asteriak are new mem-

elected. Republicans (37) in Roman letters, Democrats (%) to dalies, and Independent (2) in SMALL CAPITALS. The dates given indicate the years in which the terms of office expire: 1883, John T. Morgan. 1883, L. Q. C. Lamar, 1885, James L. Pugh. 1887, *J. Z. George. A. H. Garland, 1885. George G. Vest, James D. Waker, 1887, †F. M. Cockrell, James T. Korten, NEBRASKA

NEURASKA. 1883. Alvin Saunders. 1887. *C. H. Van Wyck. 1885. James T. Fartey. 1887. *J. F. Miller. COLORADO, Henry M Teller 1885, John P. Jones, Nathaniel P. Hill, 1887, \$5, G. Fair. CONNECTICUT.
1885, Orville H. Platt.
1885, **J. R. Hawley.
1881, **E. H. Rollins.
1883, **Ell Scalisburg.
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1881, **J. R. M. Phornon.
1881, **J. Sewell.

NEW YORK, 1885. Roscoe Conkling 1887. * Thomas Platt. Wilkinson Call. + C. W. Jones. NORTH CAROLINA. 1883. Matt. W. Ransom. 1885. Zebulon B. Vance. OHIO. 1885. Geo. H. Pendleton. 1887. * John Sherman. 1883, Benj. H. Hill. 1885, J. E. Brown. ILLINOIS, 1883. DAVID DAVIS.

1885. John A. Logan. 1887. * John Sherman. INDIANA. 1885. Dan W. Voorhees. 1883. Lafagette Grover. 1887. * Benj. Harrison. 1885. James H. Stater. 1883, S. J. Kirkwood. 1885, W. B. Alllson. KANSAS. RHODE ISLAND. 1883. Preston B. Plumb. 1883. H. B. Anthony, 1885. John J. Inguils. 1887. +A. E. Burnside 1883. James B. Beck. 1885. John S Williams. 1885. Wade Hampton. HOUISIANA. 1883. Wm. P. Kellogg. 1885. B.Frank Jouan. 1887. *H. E. Jackson,

MAINE, TEXAS, 1883, James G. Blaine, 1883, Wm. Coke, MARYLAND.

1885, James B. Groome, 1885, Justin S. Morrill.

1887, *A. P. Gorman, 1885, Justin S. Morrill.

1881, George F. Hoar.

1881, 'H. L. Dawes, 1887, *WM. MARIONE, 1887, *WM. MARIO 1881, Thos. W. Ferry. 1887, *O. D. Conger. MINNESOTA. WISCONSIN. 1883. Wm. Windom. 1885. M. H. Carpenter, 1887. S. J. R. McMillan. 1887. *Philetus Sawyer.

Skebeleff's Victory.

THE capture of Geok-Tepe by General Skobeleff, after a two weeks' siege that was full of desperate encounters and fruitiess though gallant efforts of the beleaguered Turcomans to crush the Russian forces, give: the latter a firm foothold in Southern Turkestan and blaces the City of Mery at their mercy. They are now but 200 miles distant from that point, and, although the season is unfavorable for an advance upon it, there is no question that the dashing Skobeleff will make the essay if it is a part of the Russian policy to occupy it. Hitherto the Government have discinimed all intention of doing more than to punish the Turcomans for their predatory incursions, and have intimated that their of Geok-Tepe. The Russians, however, have never yet conquered any of the tribes in Turkestan without annexing some of their territory, and if they propose to hold Turkestan or any part of it there is no stronger or more strategical point to secure their occupation of the great Asiatic commercial highways that control the rich trade of that region, but is the natural base of operations against Persia and Afghanistan, and thus of the highest importance from a military point of view. It is the key to Cabul, and once in possession of Mery the Russians would be within a fortnight's distance of Herat, and one hundred miles nearer to it than the English would be either at Cabul or Candahar. The uneasiness of the English War Office is therefore easily understood, for in case Russia occupies Mery she is virtually menacing the frontiers of Afghanistan and India. With such a temptation before Russia, which is all the stronger because the British troops have been withdrawn from Afghanistan, it may be entirely probable that she will continue her advance until she holds all of Turkestan in her grasp. If she has been merely bent upon an errand of revenge and to make good the losses which the Turcomans of Geok-Tepe have inflicted upon her arms, she will return to the Caspian, but it is to be taken into account that the Turcomans of Mery were assisting their brethren at Geok-Tepe, and that such a pretext would justify her in an advance against the former city.-Chicago Tribune.

Terrible Fate of a Pather and Six Children.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., February 2. THE Courier-Journal has the following spe-cial from Spring Lick, Ky.: Wiley Embrey, an old and respected farmer in Butler County, and six of his children were burned to death on Friday night, the wife and eldest daughter escaping without injury. The particulars of the burning are as follows: On the night referred to Embrey and his family retired between seven and eight o'clock, and at ten o'clock the wife and husband were awakened by the roaring of a fire, which they discovered valise and stepped ashore at Hartford. was up-stairs, and in a room where six of their

Embrey rushed to the stair-door, opened and started up-stairs, when he was met by the flames issuing from above, and fell prostrate on the floor. His wife and their oldest daughter, who were sleeping in the same room, realizing the peril of their own lives, rushed out of doors, leaving behind them the old man and six children to perish in the house, the roof of which was then falling in. The old lady and her daughter began Ingersoll, renaissance, Gothic, Byzanscreaming at the top of their voices, which soon attracted several of their neighbors to the horrifying scene of disaster, but they arrived too late to render any assistance what-

Language is wholly inadequate to describe the wails and moans of the grief-stricken mother and daughter, who stood by gazing on all that was dear to them on earth perishing is the angry flames. The fire was not extin guished until everything was consumed. Among the debris particles of the bodies of the father and children were found, but not in sufficient quantities to be identified. Wiley Embrey was a farmer, and, by dint of

death of Mr. Embrey and his six children. It is not believed that Mrs. Embrey and her daughter will survive the shock.

Cholera Predicted. A RECENT Cincinnati telegram says: "An interview is published with Dr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, who is one of the most experienced cholera physicians in the country. He says the country is pretty sure to suffer from cholera the coming season. He says it is now in Chicago, under the name of 'cholerine,' His theory is that it never falled that a cholera epidemic followed upon the becis of an influenza epidemic. We have just had that. Men and horses have suffered from it. The infliportion of ozone in the atmosphere, and the deficiency of it is the condition for cholers. Nature is constantly running to extremes, and the excess of ozone is followed by a deficiency. 'I certainly have,' continued the doctor-Governor, 'been expecting chilera to make its appearance in this section, and now that it has appeared in Chicago, it is more thar likely that we shall have it. But,' sold

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

An ingenius Frenchman has invented a machine which makes real lace. It is said to be as great an invention in its way as the Jacquard loom. One machine can do the work of several hundred lace-makers.

THE planetary discoveries of 1880 were eight in number, five of which were made by Herr Palisa, Director of the Observatory at Pola. The last was discovered Sept. 30, and raised the total number of known small planets to 219.

THE physiologist Leo Baltzer has lately excavated from the alluvial stratum of the Steigerthal, near Nordhausen, Germany, the skeleton of an antediluvian rhinoceros in an excellent state of preservation. The height of the animal must have been seven feet, and its bulk nearly that of an African elephant.

EXPERIMENTS by Prof. Cohn, of Bres-fau, with the electric light show that letters, spots and colors are seen at a much greater distance through the medium of electric light than by day or gas light. The sensation of yellow was increased sixty fold as compared with day light, of red six fold, and blue two fold showing that the electric light would be very useful where it is necessary to observe signals at a great distance.

Almost every day brings some new application of electricity to the useful arts. Dr. Siemens has designed an electric elevator, which has been exhib ited at the Mannheim Industrial Exhibition, and is said to be a useful invention. The cage is carried by wire ropes, having counter weights, so that, when loaded, it is practically in equilibrium. The current generator at the base is electrically connected to the dynamomachine in the cage, and the latter works two toothed wheels taking into a metal rack running up the center of the passage way of the elevator.

COTTON-PICKING by machinery has long been a dream of the Southern planters. The risk of planting revolves about the picking season. The bolls open irregularly, but they must be plucked when they are at a certain stage of ripeness, or be lost in whole or part. S. R. Cockerill, Vice President of the Mississippi Valley Planters' Association, believes he has arrived at a solution of the problem. He says that it is a fact that the bolls will continue to ripen and open in due time if the plant is cut up by the roots and stacked. There is no practical difficulty in separating the cotton from the boll by machinery, if the stalks can be gathered and fed at one time. The apparatus for this process has been invented and works well. But everything depends on the

PITH AND POINT.

THE Tennessee Legislature has chosen a woman as engrossing clerk. The susceptible bald-headed members swear The she is the most expressing clerk they ever had .- Lowell Citizen.

Embroidering "Remember me" on a pair of presention suspenders will not hit the mark. Omitting to properly fasten the suspender buttons will keep your memory green in the mind of your husband.—New Haven Register.

THERE is a man in our town, And he is wondrous wise;
Whenever he has goods to sell
He straight doth advertise;
And when he finds his goods all gone,
With all his might and main
He hurries in another lot To advertise again.

— Washington Republican.

THERE is an Oil City boy who was sent out collecting yesterday, and when he returned in the evening and handed in his bills unpaid, he said: "The people around this town like me first-rate. They were so anxious to see me often that every man I went to told me to call again."-Philadelphia Bulletin. It is not to be supposed that it is be-

cause of a lack of offers that so many Massachusetts women remain unmarried. Oh, no; the reason is that they have been unable to find a man who can sit in an easy-chair five minutes without raising the mischief with the tidy. Now, young man, you know why leap year has passed you by .- Boston Transcript.

Ir was a bitter cold day when the traveling combination which I have the honor to feed gathered its solitary The Dutch found this beautiful little city here nearly 250 years ago, and the first thing they did was to establish Colt's armory and go into the insurance business. You can get insured here in any way and for anything you wishmutual, endowment, tontine, accident, intentional. nomadie. differential old school protoplasmic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Bob tine, greenback, composite, Corinthian, Scotch, cheviot, gossamer, seamless, new Wheeler & Wilson, barbed wire, liver-pad and hard finish. It is the central and distributing point for the entire insurance business of America. No insurance company is genuine unless "Hartford" is blown upon the bottle .-

A Hero Rewarded Last night's Gazette states that the

Queen has been pleased to confer the 'Albert Medal of the First Class" on Farabani, Seedie Tindal, serving in Her ble for the remainder of his life. The whole Majesty's ship Wild Swan, for the folcountry is nearly paralyzed over the horrible lowing services: On August 8 last, while the Wild Swan was off the coast of Mozambique, a fugitive slave boy, named Farejallah, having jumped overboard from a stage alongside the ship, was im- with delight. mediately seized by an enormous shark, which bit off his leg at the knee, dragging him under the water. When he rose to the surface the shark again attacked him, tearing off his remaining leg and part of his thigh. On Farejallah beginning to rise to the surface again, closely followed by the shark, Farabani jumped from the netting into the water and brought the unfortunate boy to the surface, nor did he leave the water till enza epidemics are due to the too great pro- he had placed him in a position of safety. The Captain of the Wild Swan adds. that what makes this, if possible, a more gallant deed is the fact that Farabani saw the whole of the horrible catastrophe from the first seizure of the boy, and that when he jumped into the water not only the attacking shark but three others were seen close to the ship, attracted no be, there is an infallible preventive for chol. doubt by the blood .- London Telegraph

Our Young Folks.

JOHNNY'S ANSWER. JOHNNY, standing four feet two, In his suit of navy blue, Aged ten years to a day, Full of business and or play,

Patronizingly looks down On the little downy crown, And the little upturned face, Of the cooing baby, Grace.

What's a baby good for, now?" Johnny questions, with a brow Puckered up into a frown, As he stands thus looking down.

I can do a heap, you know—, Fly a kite and shovel snow; Spaded up the garden bed Just this spring, as well as Ned; 'Mother said so; but that's not

Half, nor quarter—there's a lot, Oh, a lot more I can do; Base-ball, hookey, cricket, too.

"But this little baby now, What's she good for, in how, 'Cept to spoil a fellow's play, And to get in folkses' way? "Makes a lot of trouble, too: Such a heap of things to do! I don't see why folks can't be

Born grown up as big as me!" Just here, baby gurgled out Such a jolly little shout! Then began to babble fast, 'Ma, ma, ma, ma," and at last,

Yes, as sure now as the world, Soft the baby lips uncuried, And commenced to stammer out, "Don-ny, Don-ny!" Such a shout

As our Johnny gave at this-! Then a great big smacking kiss Fell on baby's checks of pink-"Mother, mother, only think!"
Mother heard him loud exclaim,
"Somehow, baby's learned my name!"
Mother, langhingly, looked on
For awhile, as Master John

Kissed the baby in delight. While he held her close and tight. Then she mischlevously said, Glancing at the downy head:

What's she good for, anyhow?"
Johnny turned as red as fire,
Then tossed baby up the higher.

While the baby laughed and crowel,
Johnny, though his blushes glowel,
Answered, bold as brass, just this:
"Why, she's good to love and ki-s!"
—North Percy, in St. Nicholas

THE STOLEN PILLS.

A True Story.

SMALL Miss Rachel Winchester was a snapping-eyed Puritan of seven years. She knew the shorter catechism and the longer catechism; and if there had been any middle-sized catechism, like the "middle-sized bear," you know, she would have had that at her tongue's end. She meant to be a pretty good girl - only the catechisms had not had time to strike in. Her brother Niah, as campaign would close with the capture truth of Mr. Cockerill's assertion that all called him, did not know even a ashamed of it. Rachel and Zephaniah lived with their grandfather, a doctor in Albany.

Rachel had a friend, Scotch Margery, with wide-open blue eyes. One day she came to see Rachel, who could not play until she finished her "stint:" five rows of knitting around a sock.

Then they went around to grandfather's office to see him get ready to go away. Being forbidden ever to enter without permission, they sat down on the doorsteps with Zephaniah and looked in.

It was a charming place. A dusty, hollow-eved skull sat on a shelf, and in the corner was a chest holding-nobody knew what -which was awful, you know. Grandfather was making up powders, getting ready "blue mass, assafcetida and "green and yellow" mixtures for his circuit around the country. Before he put them into his old leather saddle-bags he looked over another wallet that made shivers run up Niah's spine. Here were nippers, Rachel. pinchers, cutters, clashers, scissors, tooth pullers and nose-wringers. Remembering a certain poor tooth in his

possession, Niah now arose and "melted into the distance," as artists say. The little girls sat still until grandpa went away. When his big horse, Thunder, had kicked up a cloud of dust and hid his long legs in it, Rachel Winchester, the small Puritan, whose ancestors came over in the "May Flower," she forgot all the good in both catechisms and said:

"Margery Campbell, let us go in?" "But your gran'ther said we mustn't." "That's just why I want to. What is the use of always behaving well? Let's peck around a little bit-Niah's out of the way."

Margery consented. In they went. First they opened queer little drawers full of cloves, spice, slippery elm and alum. Then they took hold of hands and took a respectful view of the skull. "What is in the inside of it when it is inside of us?" whispered Margery.

"Why, nothing! The skin and hair cover its outside and then it is hollowthat is why your head rings when you get your ears boxed," said Rachel. "Where do our brains be?" asked

to think-your thinker is your brains, you know. Grandfather explains such things to our family." "We haven't got any grandfather." "Oh, well, I knew this without mine,"

"Oh-why-in our eyes, certainly.

As soon as you see something you begin

said Rachel, arrogantly. They poked their fingers into everything sweet, sour, sticky or in any way mysterious. They smelt of various poisons and, for a wonder, did not taste. They put their tongues, however, to a laudanum bottle and then sputtered wildly into the air. At last they found a nice clean vial full of pretty white pills. They examined it

"Now, just let's take the tin cup of water," said the enterprising Rachel. "and swallow first one of these, and then a drink and then a nuther, and see which can swallow the most!'

Margery agreed, and at it they went -a pill-a drink-a pill-a drink-a pill-a pill-a pill-until the vial was Now you have often heard that our Puritan forefathers were very thorough-well, so were our little fore-

Perhaps if these children had not taken so many. I might have had to end my story with a dreadful account of their funerals; as it was, they over-

Margery had not once wineed; but Rachel did not take time to wink, and side. ahead of her friend. When all were homes.

down they went out and sat down in a vacant lot near the house. It was cool and pleasant under the fence, and they began to tell Indian stories. Suddenty in the middle of one Margery ex-

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claimed: "Oh! I feel as I did coming from Scotland, when the ship turned over!"
"What ails you?" said Rachel, slowly. "I guess it's the weather-I've been feeling sort of-lonesome in my stum-

mick. In a minute she knew exactly how Margery felt coming over seas, for her lonesomeness increased and she rapidly 1400 lost "snap."

Margery, growing white and whiter, slid down flat on the grass, then with a groan that seemed to come from her little pegged shoes, became dreadfully sick, and Miss Winchester followed If they had swallowed the whole contents of the doctor's saddle-bags

they could scarcely have suffered more. When it seemed as if they must have thrown up not only the pills, but the coats of their stomachs and their orignal sin, they got up and staggered along by the fence; but were soon forced to drop down again.

it up the chimney. "Yes, we're both of us wicked as

we're sick," moaned Margery. "I made faces at my mother behind the door, when she wouldn't let me take her be gold ring."
"Hello down there! What you adoin'?" cried Zephaniah, his shock head and

coming over the top rail of the fence, and he seeming to hang there by his chin. "O Niah, we're goin' to die!" answered Rachel, dismally. "What for?" he asked, not seeing

the least use in it.

"We've killed ourselves," returned aim Rachel, faintly. She must talk while vit I breath remained; so she gave her brother the facts of the case. His face, during the story, showed disgust at W their present wilted condition, mingled with admiration for their daring exploit.

"Phu, Rachel! I wouldn't die-you be "How can we help it?" gasped blue-

eyed Margery. "Oh, I'll stiffen you up?" and Mah Tital suddenly unhooked himself from the top rail and disappeared. They thought he had gone to tell of them, and did not care, for they were so weak and

miserable. Ten minutes later he came stubbing cotton in its last stages will ripen in the "kittenchism," and was not a bit along over the plowed ground toward them with one hand carefully shut over the other. He dumped himself down

by their side. "Now," said he, "we'll take every bit of this here, and it'll cure us!"
They felt a little better, and so curious to know what "this here" that they forgot to ask Niah where he felt unwell. They looked eagerly into his hand and sniffed with their little noses. He. too, had been into mischief; for in his not over-clean paw was all the white sugar it could hold, and into that he had poured at least a gift of paregoric.

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"Stick in your fingers and lick enruch.
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"We will be the stick of the stick enruch." "It's good." Grandfather Winchester might not zou have given this very remedy; but true it was, that before they had "licked" I better, able in fact to sit up and walken si

little way. "I shall never sin any more," "Nor I," said Margery. "It must a be dreadful wicked to take pills when all you don't need 'em." "Awful!" said Niah, with a finishing

application of his tongue to his small palm. " Awful-but we needed this !! paregorie.' "Do you think," asked Rachel, "We .H have got to tell grandfather of this?'the sain "No," said Niah, promptly, "I shall tell if it is right," said Rachel, firmly. "I ain't going to sin' I

Margery mused. Then she remarked: "The pills didn't stay stealed long."
We can't give 'em back. I don't feel as if I needed any more punishing to make me sorry."
"That's so," said Rachel. "We've had our own punishing."
They each forgot that Niah half

any more.

sinned and not suffered; while he was hardened enough not to think of him; add self at all. When the afternoon crept out under the shadows of the evening the little [Scotch girl went home with a sick headache and was put to bed. Rachel end returned "tired out," she said, and den meekly crept to her couch two hours; carlier than usual. Niah was a notable example of a scamp who escaped core and rection. He fell asleep over his supperates in consequence of the drug, and slept all night the sweet sleep of innocence.

Grandpa missed his pills in time, but 793 went to his grave in ignorance of the "manner" of their "taking off. Rachel and Zephaniah more than we once through a long life remembered out that day, Scotch Margery grew up and grew old, too; but her eyes were never less blue than when she cannot from Scotland, and she it was who told this story to her grandchildren, with those same eyes twinkling with fun

This is all, children, when I haveque added a moral and a bit of advice, which just this once I beg you not to Moral: Be sure your sin will find you out as it did these little Puritans. Indeed, it nearly turned them wrong-

side out. Advice: Whatever you do — do it vala thoroughly.—Annelle L. Noble, in William

NINETY million dollars is now the dries official estimate of the cost of the late endeavor to extend British sway in Afghanistan, including therein the co. I sait of the frontier railways, undernated solely as war necessities. To this must loo be added the item of the lives lost author did the matter, and their folly saved the suffering incurred among the troop a and among their families at nome. And after all, this estimate includes only one It forgets the lives and trending add so came out three pills and a choke lost by the Afghans in defending the and